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In re patent application of Hiatt et al.

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For: ENZYME CATALYZED TEMPLATE-INDEPENDENT:
CREATION OF PHOSPHODIESTER BONDS USING :

PROTECTED NUCLEOTIDES

Assistant Commissioner For Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: James O. Wilson

AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 AND 1.115

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Official Action mailed December 23, 1996, the following amendments and remarks are being submitted by Applicants for consideration by the Examiner.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 9, 30 and 31 as follows:

Claim 9, line 3, delete "Sepharose®,".

Claim 9, line 3, delete "Fractosil*,".

Claim 30, line 2, change "claims 1-29" to --claim 1--.

Claim 31, line 3, change "claims 1-29" to --claim 1--.

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